

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

What does this appropriation support?

The purposes of the CSBG are to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities and to empower low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient. Activities to address and reduce poverty conditions such as unemployment, inadequate education, inadequate housing, inadequate available income, unmet emergencies and malnutrition are carried out by a network of 19 local, non-profit Community Action Agencies (CAAs) serving 114 counties and the city of St. Louis. The CSBG utilizes CAAs (multi-purpose organizations) to provide services based on locally determined needs. CSBG funds are coordinated with other federal, state, local and private funds to support services and activities for low-income families and communities. Missouri CAAs use CSBG funds to provide a mix of the following services and activities: early childhood education, literacy, job training, transportation, utility assistance, emergency food, asset development, financial literacy, economic development and community development.

What is the authorization for this program?

State statute: RSMo. 660.370, Federal law: P.L. 105-285, Community Services Block Grant Act

Is this a federally mandated program?

PL 105-285. In the event that the Congress of the United States approves a block grant system to fund social programs, the state may, subject to appropriation, use such block grant funds or in-kind services to provide a level of financial assistance for CAAs to carry out community action programs through the community services block grants pursuant to the federal Community Services Block Grant Act and other such federal funding sources which may be appropriate.

Are there federal matching requirements? No.

What are the expenditures?

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Planned
GR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL	\$18,170,596	\$17,194,501	\$17,140,839	\$19,144,171
OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$18,170,596	\$17,194,501	\$17,140,839	\$19,144,171

What are the sources of other funds?

Not applicable.

Who is eligible?

Federal statutes require 90% of this funding is to be used to contract with Community Action Agencies (CAA's). The Family Support Division contracts with 19 CAA's. The remaining funds are used for discretionary purposes such as contracts with Indian Centers, Results-Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) and administration.

How many people are served?

FY*	Persons Served
2002	202,643
2003	238,766
2004	243,548
2005	**

Effectiveness and Efficiency Measures:

The Percentage of Individuals in Employment Initiatives that Get a Job or Become Self Employed as Compared with the Total Number of Participants

Year*	Actual Percentage of Individuals	Projected Percentage of Individuals
FY 03	55.8%	45.3%
FY 04	43.1%	58.0%
FY 05	**	60.0%
FY 06		62.0%
FY 07		64.0%
FY 08		64.0%

Number of Safe and Affordable Housing Units Created

Year*	Actual Number of Safe and Affordable Housing Units	Number of Projected Safe and Affordable Housing Units
FY 03	312	200
FY 04	646	320
FY 05	**	340
FY 06		345
FY 07		350
FY 08		350

*Program is run on federal fiscal year (October through September).

**Data not available yet.